



TREC 2024 YOUTH TOUR
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KRAMER, BEN LUEBBERT, ANNA
RAKESTRAW, LILY GREGORY, AND
MARIA BROWN

DO YOU WANT TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR FREE THIS SUMMER? WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE HUNDREDS OF NEW FRIENDS WHILE LEARNING ABOUT GOVERNMENT, LEADERSHIP, AND COOPERATIVES? IF SO, THIS TRIP IS FOR YOU!

**YOU COULD WIN THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO
WASHINGTON, D.C., THIS SUMMER!!**

THREE RIVERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL SEND SIX HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS TO WASHINGTON, D.C., **JUNE 15-21**. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO TO WIN THIS TRIP? WRITE A THOUGHT-PROVOKING ESSAY THAT IS BETWEEN 500-750 WORDS.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S ESSAY IS: "IT'S 2025, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE AMERICA'S GREATEST CHALLENGE(S) WILL BE IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS AND WHAT WOULD YOUR SOLUTIONS BE?"



-WRITE AN ESSAY-

USING BETWEEN 500 AND 750 WORDS, ANSWER THE PROMPT: "IT'S 2025, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE AMERICA'S GREATEST CHALLENGE(S) WILL BE IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS AND WHAT SOLUTIONS WOULD YOU SUGGEST?". ESSAYS SHOULD BE TYPED. ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY WITH YOUR NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, CELL PHONE NUMBER, PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME, AND THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL. ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED ON GRAMMAR, ADDRESSING THE TOPIC, COMPOSITION AND CREATIVITY. ESSAYS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

THREE RIVERS ELECTRIC

ATTENTION: YOUTH TOUR COORDINATOR

1324 E MAIN, PO BOX 918

LINN MO 65051.

**DEADLINE FOR ESSAYS
IS JANUARY 29**

ABOUT THE ESSAY:

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

All essays must be received by **January 29**. We prefer essays to be mailed or hand delivered to either the Linn or Brazito office. Essays submitted by email should be sent to lkiso@threeriverselectric.com. Make sure to include cover sheet and type "YT essay" in the subject line.

To be eligible, students must be juniors currently residing in or attending school in Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's service area at the time of the trip. Students cannot be children or grandchildren of current Three Rivers Electric board members or employees.

All essays become the property of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative and will not be returned.

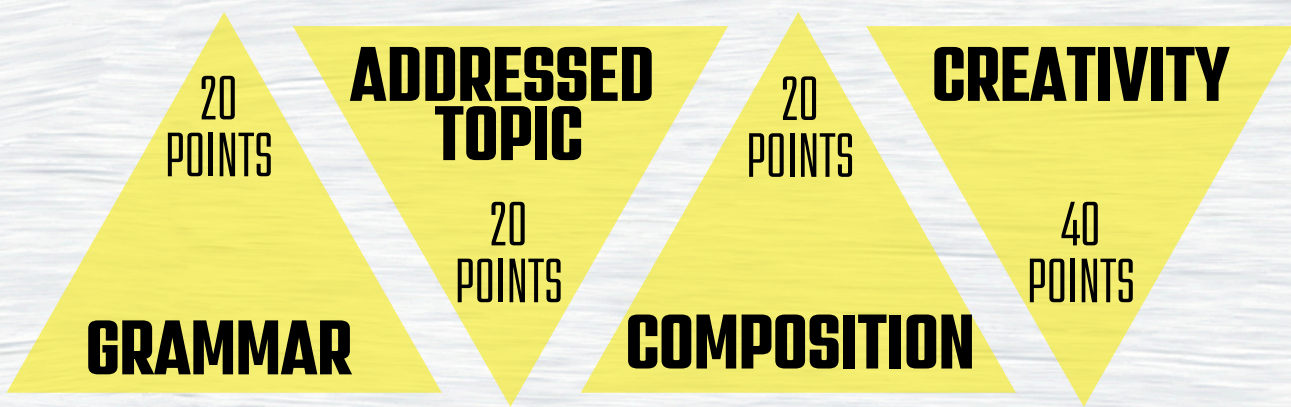
Twelve finalists will be chosen to appear at the final judging event scheduled for **March 17** in Linn.

Six winners will be chosen from the finalists to attend the Youth Tour. Six runners-up will each receive a \$200.00 gift card.

The decision of the judges is final.



GRADING CRITERIA:



TOTAL AVAILABLE: 100 POINTS

The essay needs to address the prompt in a clear manner. It should be easy to follow and grammatically correct. The essay should be unique and showcase your ideas & research.

JUDGES FROM NEIGHBORING COOPERATIVES WILL SCORE YOUR ESSAY. SCORES WILL BE BASED ON THE GUIDE ABOVE AND THEN COMPILED TO PROVIDE THE FINAL SCORE. THE SCORING OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.

FINAL JUDGING:

- Finalists will take a 50-point true-false timed quiz.
- Students will present their essays in front of an audience that includes a panel of three judges.
- Scores from the quiz and presentation will be used to determine the winners of the trip.